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(54) MANUFACTURING METHOD OF BLOCK COPOLYMER

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a manufacturing method of a block copolymer with a low residual solvent concentration by preliminarily controlling the solvent concentration in a crumb before dehydration and drying, and separating out the crumb having a shape from which the residual solvent is easily vaporized and removed even by a conventional drying treatment, in a method of manufacturing a block copolymer comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon and a conjugated diene by obtaining a crumb by a steam stripping method, then dehydrating and drying it.

SOLUTION: In this manufacturing method, a hydrocarbon solvent solution of a block copolymer having a polymer concentration within 10–60 wt.% is stripped with steam under a specific condition (inlet point of the polymer solution, temperature and pressure in the separating-out vessel, etc.).

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